

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application as currently amended.

Claims 16, 18, 20-21, 23-24, 26-27, 33-35, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,867,727 ("Hattori") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,557,750 ("Moore") and U.S. Patent No. 6,615,296 ("Daniel").

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hattori in view of Moore and Daniel and Patent Publication 2002/0152263 ("Gordrian").

Claims 38-51 are allowed.

Claims 16, 18, 20-24, 26-27, 33-35, and 37 have been canceled.

Applicant submits that in view of the cancellation of the rejected claims, claims 38-51 should be found to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (217-377-2500) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1624.

Respectfully submitted,

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